

YOUR HOST

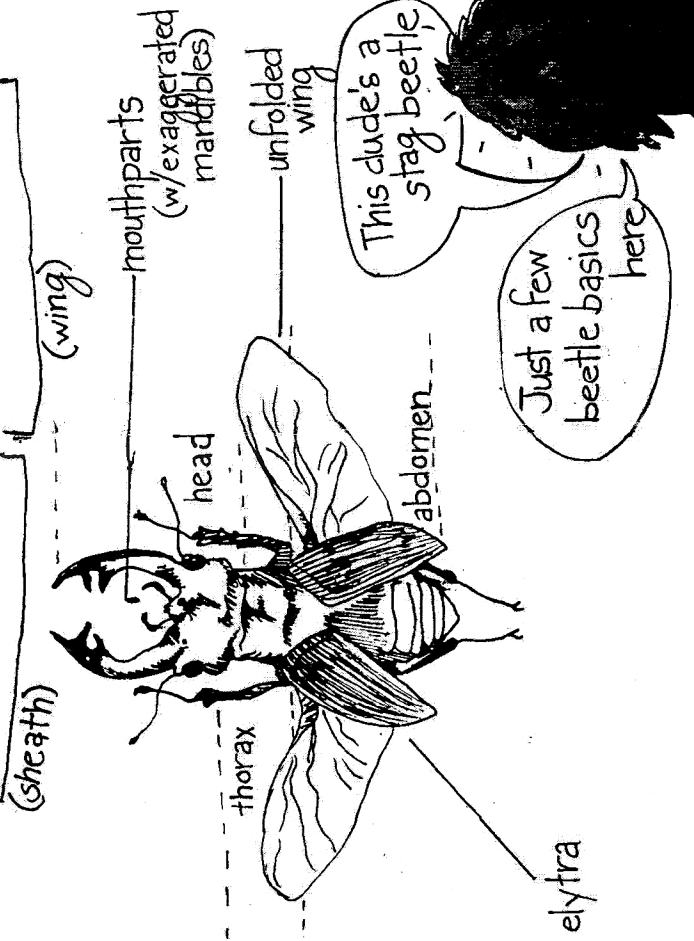
BETLES

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BEEETLES BIG JOB

In Agriculture

- help pollinate flowers & crops
 - recycling of nutrients in soil by burying & consuming animal poo (the dung beetle most notably)
 - control of insect pests (ladybugs feed on aphids) and weeds in the garden and the fields
- In nature
- beetles that eat wood break down dead trees
 - cleaning of soft tissue off a decomposing animal carcass
- *scientists and taxidermists use beetles to do this professionally because there's no better man for the job!
- beetles are the most widely eaten insect among humans

now that you've got the facts, I learn why we couldn't live without em



SLY FUN!

- *most species of any insect order, they make up 25% of all living things - 1 of 3 insects is a beetle!
- *they can adapt to almost any environment!!
- *beetles eat plants, fungi, and other invertebrates!!!
- *they undergo complete metamorphosis; that means they develop during a larval & pupal stage (like a butterfly!!!!)
- *males often have large, dramatic mandibles to compete for female mates!!!!
- *their strong little bodies & protective elytra have allowed them to dig & squeeze into a variety of inhospitable spaces other insects don't stand a chance in!!!!
- *beetles have been worshipped by many cultures, from the Ancient Egyptians to the modern day Japanese!!!!

do you love beetles yet?



BEEETLES COULD USE SOME RESPECT!